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Letter dated 18 April 1997 from the Permanent Representative of the Netherlands to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to draw your attention to the statement on Angola made on 11 April 1997 by the Presidency of the European Union (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under item 82 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

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ANNEX

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Statement on Angola made on 11 April 1997 by the Presidency of the European Union

The European Union welcomes the formation of the new Angolan Government of Unity and National Reconciliation, which was officially sworn in on 11 April 1997. This event marks an important step in the peace process initiated in Lisbon in 1991 and renewed in Lusaka in 1994, and sets Angola on the promising path of development for the benefit of all Angolans.

The European Union addresses to the new Government of Angola its most cordial wishes for a successful outcome to the peace process and assures the Government of its desire to cooperate actively in the recovery of a reconciled Angola.